



DOE RUN NEWS

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A Word From Our Pastor:

“I am not lucky....I am blessed!”

This was a bumper sticker I saw on vacation on an island in the Caribbean. What a great way of viewing life! And this church going island I like to visit certainly lives up to the message of the bumper sticker. It is a very Christian island where 90% of the inhabitants go to church on Sunday and blue laws still exist in order to help people spend one day a week focusing on God and each other. And this takes place on an island where tourism is the main industry!

We, too, at Doe Run are very blessed. While we all have stresses and strains of life and none are immune to health issues, interpersonal trials and death, we have more than a comfortable life. But the best thing is that we are assured that we are very blessed by God's grace. In fact, graceful living is the Christian theme. The Apostle Paul explains it in Romans 5:17-18: *“All who receive God's abundant grace and are freely put right with him will rule in life through Christ. So, then, as the one sin (of Adam) condemned all humankind, in the same way, the one right act (in Christ) sets all humankind free and gives them life.”* He explains to us that we are made free and righteous through Christ and no longer have to earn our salvation. The response to this free gift of grace is grateful living, a life where we view ourselves as blessed and act thankful. We, also, are asked to be graceful and loving to others as a way of saying thanks to God for his blessings to us. This is the definition of stewardship: living life in a way that expresses gratitude to God.

Doe Run will stress this theme of blessing and thanksgiving in its stewardship program which will take place September 9 on Consecration Sunday. We all will be urged to consider how God has blessed us and how he calls us to bless others through the work of Doe Run church. Please read the following articles on Consecration Sunday, plan to participate in this spiritual endeavor, and pray for guidance as God leads you and me to respond in response to his grace. Remember, you are not lucky....you are blessed!

Gratefully,

Ann G. Dickey, Interim Pastor

It's Coming! Will You Be Part of It?

Sunday, September 9 at 9:30 am is our congregation's **New Consecration Sunday**. We urge you to plan now to attend the two important events: **Sunday morning worship at 9:30 and the Celebration Brunch** immediately following worship that same day (a free catered meal, not potluck).

Our congregation's Stewardship committee has selected the **New Consecration Sunday Stewardship Program** as a way to teach the biblical and spiritual principles of generous giving in our stewardship education emphasis this year.

New Consecration Sunday is based on the biblical philosophy of the need of the giver to give for his or her own spiritual development, rather than on the need of the church to receive. Instead of treating people like members of a social club who should pay dues, we will treat people like followers of Jesus Christ who want to give unselfishly as an act of discipleship. **New Consecration Sunday** encourages people toward proportionate and systematic giving in response to the question, "What percentage of my income is God calling me to give?" (To that end, we are enclosing a chart for you to consider when responding to God's grace for 2008.)

Every attendee and member who completes an **Estimate of Giving Card** does so voluntarily during morning worship on Consecration Sunday. We urge people to attend who feel strongly opposed to completing a card. The procedure is done in such a way that no one feels personal embarrassment if he or she chooses not to submit a card. During morning worship our guest leader, Dr. David Dickey, will preach and conduct a brief period of instruction and inspiration, climaxed by members making their commitments as a **confidential** act of worship. Since we will make **no follow-up visits** to ask people to complete their cards and will only later invite those who cannot be present on September 9 to participate, we will make every effort to inform, inspire, and commit everyone to attend Consecration Sunday worship.

We believe that you are concerned enough to attend on Consecration Sunday and make your financial commitment as an act of worship in the church sanctuary. Be part of the action!

Reserve now by tearing off the bottom of this sheet and putting it in the box in the narthex mailing it back to the church, emailing your reservation to doerunchurch@verizon.net or calling the church office at (610)486-0744.

Thank you for your support!

The Stewardship Committee of Doe Run Church: Chair, Jeff Sapper; Members, Kim Campbell, Ed Martin, John Graves, Tom McFadien, Penny Swank, Louise Sapper, Scott Cheek; Advisor, Ann Dickey

Consecration Sunday Reservation Card

I (we) will be present for morning worship and the Celebration Luncheon on Sunday, September 9, 2007:

_____ YES _____ NO Number of persons attending from my household _____.

Name _____ Telephone _____

WEEKLY INCOME	15%	12%	10%	9%	8%	7%	6%	5%	4%	3%	2%	1%
\$ 200	30.00	24.00	20.00	18.00	16.00	14.00	12.00	10.00	8.00	6.00	4.00	2.00
\$ 300	45.00	36.00	30.00	27.00	24.00	21.00	18.00	15.00	12.00	9.00	6.00	3.00
\$ 400	60.00	48.00	40.00	36.00	32.00	28.00	24.00	20.00	16.00	12.00	8.00	4.00
\$ 500	75.00	60.00	50.00	45.00	40.00	35.00	30.00	25.00	20.00	15.00	10.00	5.00
\$ 600	90.00	72.00	60.00	54.00	48.00	42.00	36.00	30.00	24.00	18.00	12.00	6.00
\$ 700	105.00	84.00	70.00	63.00	56.00	49.00	42.00	35.00	28.00	21.00	14.00	7.00
\$ 800	120.00	96.00	80.00	72.00	64.00	56.00	48.00	40.00	32.00	24.00	16.00	8.00
\$ 900	135.00	108.00	90.00	81.00	72.00	63.00	54.00	45.00	36.00	27.00	18.00	9.00
\$1,000	150.00	120.00	100.00	90.00	80.00	70.00	60.00	50.00	40.00	30.00	20.00	10.00
\$1,100	165.00	132.00	110.00	99.00	88.00	77.00	66.00	55.00	44.00	33.00	22.00	11.00
\$2,000	300.00	240.00	200.00	180.00	160.00	140.00	120.00	100.00	80.00	60.00	40.00	20.00
\$3,000	450.00	360.00	300.00	270.00	240.00	210.00	180.00	150.00	120.00	90.00	60.00	30.00

1. Find where YOU are on the chart (your weekly income/giving).
2. Move one block to the left to determine what GROW ONE % would be for you.

Financial Summary: January thru June 2007

	Income	Actual expenses	Average monthly budgeted expenses	2007 Deficit	
January	\$7,830	\$15,054	\$10,374	end of January 2007	-\$7,224
February	\$7,943	\$9,374	\$10,374	end of February 2007	-\$8,665
March	\$9,234	\$9,372	\$10,374	end of March 2007	-\$8,793
April	\$18,167	\$11,079	\$10,374	end of April 2007	-\$1,704
May	\$8,292	\$7,506	\$10,374	end of May 2007	-\$ 918
June	\$8,189	\$8,502	\$10,374	End of June 2007	-\$1,232

Note 1: anonymous gift, for deficit reduction, of over \$8,000 in April.

Note 2: anonymous gift, for musical equipment, of \$5,000 in June

Note 3: the loan from the Memorial Endowment Fund was “retired” in June

Christian Ed Committee:

Christian Ed is getting ready for Sunday School. We will be trying a new curriculum called Gospel Light. This is the same one used for VBS for the past few years. Lessons are easy to follow and to prepare for. They will include a Bible story and activities to back up the lesson from the story. This year there will be four classes: Pre-school – Kindergarten, 1st - 2nd, 3rd - 4th, 5th and up. To help us get organized with teachers we are asking volunteers to sign up now for classes they are willing to teach. As we get closer to Rally Sunday, I will have sign up sheets for days that people are available to teach at the entrance of the church or you can call or email Kim Boulger at (610)380-7907 or kboulger1@yahoo.com

Fellowship/Hospitality:

Next meeting: Monday, August 27, 2007, 7:15 pm

Doe Run Church Covered Dish Picnic, Bert Reel Park in Pomeroy, Sunday, September 23, 2007.

Watch bulletin for more information.

November 4, 2007, 7:00 pm, Charlie Zahm: Singer-Songwriter of Celtic, Maritime, Early American and Civil War Music.

Please invite family and friends! We need a full church to hear this wonderful singer!

Concert is free! We will be taking an offering to defray expenses.

Interim Pastor Dickey:

Ann Dickey will be on study leave August 17 thru August 31. She will return Saturday September 1st and will be preaching Sunday September 2nd. While on leave, she will be on call and can be reached on her cell at (484)467-3885 and can return home, if necessary. She will be in Virginia and North Carolina preparing for and attending the Advanced Interim Pastor Seminar at Montreat.

Presbytery News:

We are living in very anxious times! (by Charlie Gross, Acting Executive Presbyter)

Anxiety is extremely high in our families, in our congregations, in our denomination, and in our presbytery. On June 11, 2007, we were given notice that legal action was filed against the presbytery on behalf of three of our congregations. Our response to that sad occasion has been guided by our vision, “Donegal Presbytery is united in its faith in Jesus Christ, and demonstrates God’s love to each other, the community, and the world.” I am very proud to say that our loving, respectful behavior did not diminish in light of the circumstances. Our media response says, “The Presbytery of Donegal, at its meeting on June 19, 2007, approved the appointment of an Administrative Commission to work on its behalf in the matters regarding the three churches who expressed a desire to sever the relationship with the Presbyterian Church (USA). It is the intent of the Commission to proceed pursuant to the Book of Order, following the leading of the Holy Spirit, with Christian compassion and understanding. Because the three churches have filed legal action against us, we are sadly placed in a position where we are limited as to what we can say. We are also limited because of the personnel issues involved. We are praying for these congregations, and we seek to glorify God in these matters.” We continue to pray and seek the Lord’s guidance in how to respond in love.

The 275th Anniversary Celebration of the Presbytery of Donegal will be held on October 14, 2007 at Hempfield Performing Arts Center. There will be a combined choir, and many churches will be opening up for “visitation Sundays.” Yours could be one of them. To learn more, contact Nancy Brown at tjwb453@verizon.net

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2 7:15 PW 7:00 pm Boy Scouts	3	4
5 Communion 9:30 am	6 7:00 pm Youth Group	7 9:30 am Quilters 7:00 pm Joint Mtg. Elders, Deacons, Trustees	8	9 7:00 Deacons 7:00 pm Boy Scouts	10	11
12 10:45am – 12:30pm Children’s Communion Workshop 6:00 pm Leadership Consecration Sunday	13 7:00 pm Youth Group	14 9:30 am Quilters	15	16 7:00 pm Boy Scouts 7:00 Trustees	REVEREND 17	DICKEY 18
STUDY 19 Sara Randall Preaching	LEAVE ----- 20 7:00 pm Youth Group	----- 21 9:30 am Quilters	----- 22	----- 23 7:00 pm Boy Scouts	----- 24	----- 25
STUDY 26 Annalie Lorgus Preaching	LEAVE ----- 27 7:00 pm Youth Group 7:15 pm Fellowship/ Hospitality	----- 28 9:30 am Quilters	----- 29	----- 30 7:00 pm Boy Scouts	----- 31	